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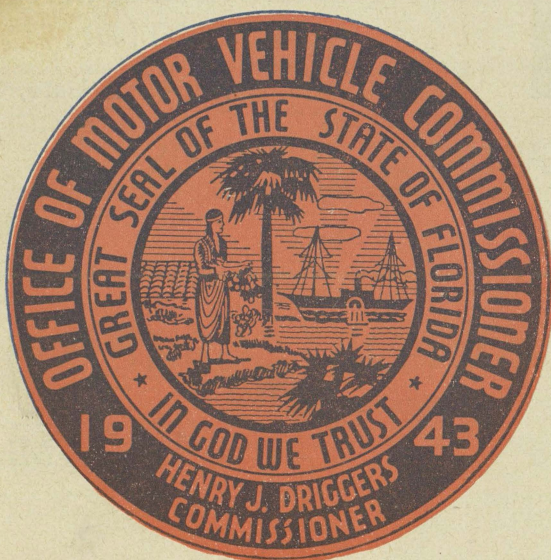
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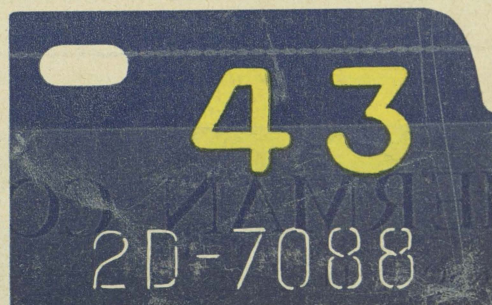
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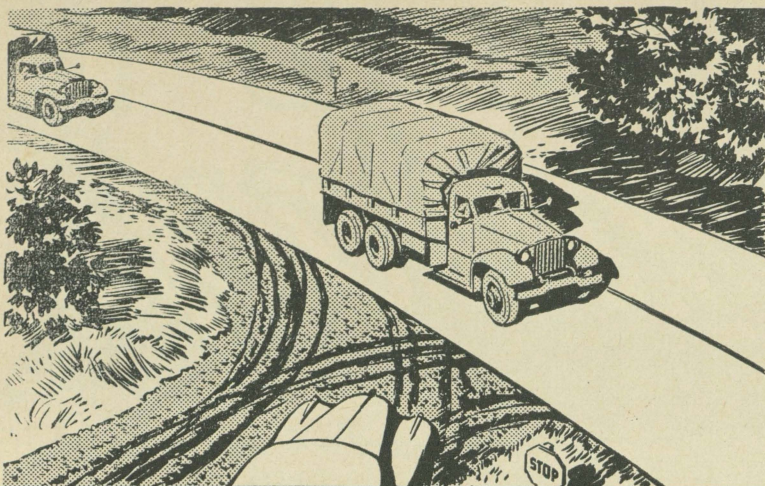
the stamp will appear on the windshield in the form of a sticker. Cars will carry the same number as this year.

The sticker will be recognized as the Great Seal of the State of Florida. The color is yellow on a red background.

Henry J. Driggers, State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, says that 600,000 tabs and stickers are already in the hands of agencies in the counties. Tags are manufactured at the State Prison Farm, Raiford, and the saving in costs of the smaller tag will mean much to the State aside from providing additional metal for war industries.







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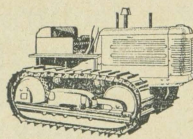
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# Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

## HELD IN TALLAHASSEE OCTOBER 30

The Fourth Quarterly meeting of the State Road Department of Florida was held at Tallahassee on October 30, 1942, with the following members and officials in attendance:

Thos. A. Johnson, Chairman; Jack F. Townsend, James R. Stockton, O. G. Lindsey, C. Fred Ward, Members; H. H. Bas-kin, Secretary; L. A. Fraleigh, Assistant Secretary; J. H. Dowling, State Highway Engineer; L. K. Cannon, Asst. Highway Engineer; W. A. Kratzert, State Maintenance Engineer; E. S. Fraser, Bridge Engineer; J. W. Allen, J. R. Slade, H. H. McCallum, N. S. Emery, W. D. LeVeille, Division Engineers; T. M. Shackelford, Jr., Attorney; Pat Shannon, R. W. Ervin, Jr.,

Assistant Attorneys; R. J. Waterston, Auditor.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Ward, the minutes of the meeting held at Orlando on September 28 were approved.

### MEMBERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following expense accounts of the Members were approved and ordered paid:

Lindsey	\$21.85
Lindsey	8.90
Ward	37.70
Ward	7.55

### APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates as hereinafter indicated receive bids for the construction of certain projects as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders therefor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows:

Project	Road	County	Contractor	Amount
Bids received Sept. 10				
AN-FA 120-B(1)	365	Escambia	Noonan Construction Co.	\$125,342.94
Bids received Oct. 8				
DA-NR 5(1)	341	Escambia	Noonan Construction Co.	53,339.29
DA-NR 4(1)	341	Escambia	Noonan Construction Co.	131,424.32
DA-WR 5(1)	341-32	Highlands-Polk	W. L. Cobb Constr. Co.	392,968.20
Bids received Oct. 29				
DA-NI 13	556	Hillsborough	W. L. Cone	30,714.06

### Materials

Project or Work Order	Road	Material	Contractor or dealer	Amount
Bids received Oct. 14				
SN-U-FAS 78-B(1)	4-A	Barracks Equip.	Southern Spring Bed Co.	\$ 1,622.00
		Barracks Equip.	J. H. Churchwell Co.	343.50
		Barracks Equip.	P. Newman & Co.	275.00
		Kitchen & Mess Hall Equipment	Louis Wohl & Sons	1,296.13
		Kitchen & Mess Hall Equipment	Railway-Milam, Inc.	280.85
Bids received Oct. 19				
SN-U-FAS 78-B(1)	4-A	Hardware, Roofing Felt, etc.	Railway-Milam, Inc.	925.92
		Explosives	Commercial Explosives, Inc.	1,617.25
		Untr. Tbr. Piling	Miami Wood Treating Co. Inc.	1,150.00
		Tr. Tbr. Piling	Miami Wood Treating Co. Inc.	3,893.40
		Tr. Str. Timber	Eppinger & Russell Co.	878.45
		Expansion Joints	Fla. Steel Products, Inc.	71.70
		Reinf. Steel	Virginia Steel Co.	6,564.81
Bids received Oct. 26				
WO 0515	Pinellas County	Cut-back Asphalt	Mexican Petroleum Corp.	11,414.00
Bids received Oct. 29				
5016(2) & 5033(2)	Citrus & Levy 15	Natural Sandstone Rock Asphalt	Ky. Rock Asphalt Co.	86,263.96

### SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

Mr. Ward, the following supplemental

County	Amount of Change
Clay	\$ 319.47 Increase
Flagler	3,638.40 Decrease
Flagler-Volusia	38.40 Decrease
Broward	95.60 Decrease
Dade	14,715.06 Decrease
Flagler	5,955.30 Decrease
Polk	325.37 Decrease
Flagler-Volusia	4,465.91 Decrease
Holmes	59.25 Decrease

agreements were approved:

Contractor	Amount of Change
Marion Contracting Co.	\$ 319.47 Increase
Hooper Construction Co.	3,638.40 Decrease
Hooper Construction Co.	38.40 Decrease
E. A. Pyncheon	95.60 Decrease
Belcher Oil Co.	14,715.06 Decrease
Hooper Construction Co.	5,955.30 Decrease
Marion Contracting Co.	325.37 Decrease
Hooper Construction Co.	4,465.91 Decrease
Smith Eng. & Constr. Co.	59.25 Decrease

### BREVARD COUNTY—ROAD 341

#### PROJECT 4532—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr.

Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authoriza-

tion, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 341, in Bre-

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# EDITORIALS

## One Out of Five

FLORIDIANS have one of two things in abundance. They are either abundantly impassive, right here in the middle of a world war, to the privileges of democracy, or they are supremely satisfied in letting George do it and abundantly confident that George will do it rightly.

Of 650,000 persons registered and qualified to vote in the general election of November 3, when a proposal involving at least \$500,000,000 of taxpayers money for 50 years was the chief issue, but 125,000, or approximately one in five, availed themselves of the privilege of expressing their opinion as to what should be done with it.

In other words, the privilege for which many Florida young men are fighting today in far-flung corners of the world and for which thousands gave their lives on Bataan, is not valued enough, here at home, it seems, to warrant a walk around the corner to the polling place.

That is what America is fighting for, isn't it? The right to ballot for principles of government and the right to choose the men who are to administer it? That right, and the fear that it might be taken from us, has been the underlying cause of every war in which the United States has participated. We've even gone to war to insure this same freedom to the peoples of other countries.

In the general election of November 3 there was one redeeming feature—those who thought enough of their democratic privilege to exercise it safeguarded the interests of those who stayed away from the polls. They gave a more than six-to-one majority to the gas tax amendment, referred to by Governor Holland as the most important project of his administration, which wipes out the counties' \$170,000,000 road and bridge bond indebtedness and gives some \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 for the permanent improvement and construction of the State and county highway systems.

Because of the fact that Governor Holland advocated the gas tax amendment, and also the constitution streamlining amendment and the wildlife conservation amendment, the result of the election really constitutes a vote of confidence in the State's chief executive. The three proposals led all proposed amendments in popularity.

The result of the election on the gas tax amendment also was a vote of confidence in the newspapers of the State. This proposal was editorially approved by 22 of the State's daily newspapers, which is nearly all daily publications of general interest and circulation. It also was approved by scores of weekly newspapers, some 60 or 70 of which opened their columns to an informative series of articles by Governor Holland.

That the result of the election was a demonstration of the strength of the press is the declaration of the Tallahassee Democrat which says:

"The Florida election demonstrated again that, certain political leaders to the contrary notwithstanding, the press has not lost all its power.

"Votes by counties on the nine proposed constitutional amendments reveal that newspapers has considerable local and area weight on the amendments low down on the list . . . Nearly all the newspapers and nearly all the organizations of State, county and city officials helped Governor Holland pile up an enormous majority for the gas tax amendment and most of the newspapers added their weight behind his program, which embraced the first three. To the governor goes most of the credit for the magnificent vote in support of the gas tax amendment because his explanation of the issue, beginning back at the last legislative session, attracted the aid of the newspapers and officials."

Allan Morris, in his political column in the Miami Herald, calls the result of the election a vote of confidence in the governor:

"His strength in the esteem of the public revealed by a mid-term vote of confidence, Gov. Spessard L. Holland even now may look to success of his 1943 legislative program.

"Should there have been skeptics among those senators and representatives who will meet in Tallahassee next April, last Tuesday's election ought unmistakably to have demonstrated Gov. Holland's grip on public favor.

"By sheer force of personal popularity, since the subject was mighty cold meat for the man-in-the street, the governor put across his gas tax amendment by an overwhelming majority."

The Tampa Times deplores the small vote saying that its "shocking apathy merits the serious consideration of all liberty-loving citizens.

"The tail wagged the dog—and that's more tragic than funny, says the Times.

". . . Fortunately for the State, the minority who did vote turned in, on the whole, a sound performance.

". . . The fact that the few who voted generally safeguarded the welfare of the many does not mean that it will be forever thus. Public apathy opens the door to machine control of government. Let us not, in defending our democracy from the Japs and the Nazis, surrender it to machine politicians. Now as never before, good government offers a challenge to all loyal Americans: What price democracy?"

The Orlando Sentinel, in commenting on Governor Holland's final appeal for his amendments, given over the radio the night before the election, says:

"We have not always agreed with the governor in his proposals. (The Sentinel approved the gas tax amendment) but we have consistently had a high regard for his honesty of purpose and the sincerity with which he carries out his pledges.

"We believe his often expressed opinion that the future of Florida is bright and full of inviting opportunities will be contagious and will invade the minds and purposes of all enterprising citizens.

"Our job right now is winning the war, but we must preserve those things we are fighting to defend, those intangible things, those principles and those liberties and those energies which have carried us through the years."





# FLORIDA FOURTH ESTATE

## Extra-Curricular

What might be termed "extra-curricular" duties of a governor, because they are outside the usual activities of a State chief executive, received much favorable comment by the press during the last month. Chief among these were Governor Holland's efforts to get modification of gasoline rationing for those desiring to travel to Florida this Winter, his fight for equitable health assistance from the Federal government and his appearances before National rail rate executives in an attempt to remove discriminatory freight rates which are injurious to the State's welfare.

"Governor Holland is rendering the greatest service to Florida in opposing the discriminatory freight rates from which our State has been suffering," says the Winter Haven Herald. "Why should rates be higher here than in mountainous regions where grading, bridging and operating costs are so much more?"

"Why should we pay rates 15 percent higher than other Southern States? While the president is providing floors and ceiling for prices, wages, rents, salaries, etc.; regimenting other callings and classes than those who consume or create: He might give a little needed attention to carriers, corporations and capitalists who have, in the past, been getting too large a share of the Nation's wealth."

In an editorial which was reprinted by a number of Florida newspapers The Bradenton Herald said:

"The discrimination in freight rates against Southern States reaches back to the reconstruction era following the War Between the States. Southern manufacturing enterprise was penalized then, is still penalized. It is no less a scandal now than it was 30 years ago when the South's protests began to attract National notice. The Western States fought their way out from under similar handicap long ago, but somehow manufacturing interests in the North have been able to get a southbound rate considerably lower than that for northbound freight, and to hold that club over Southern industry and the Southern consumer."

Governor Holland was the outstanding figure at the Indianapolis hearing, says Arthur Griffith in the Miami Herald.

"Governor Holland made a particularly lucid and forceful analysis of the South's and Florida's appeal, not for privilege or favor, but simply for parity. Florida representatives attending the hearing say that his handling of the lawyer for New York State opposing equality for the South alone was worth going to Indiana to see. The New York lawyer thought to embarrass and to trip the governor. He wound up entangled in his own arguments as Holland bogtied him into speechlessness."

The Tampa Tribune said Governor Hol-

land "struck telling blows" against the discriminatory rail freight rates at the Indiana hearing.

"He told the commission that rates throughout the South were unjust as compared to those charged in Northern States and that Florida was penalized even more severely because we must operate under rates which are approximately 15 percent higher than those prevailing in other Southern States," says the Tribune. "Changed conditions brought about by the war, he said, call for immediate settlement of the National freight rate case and the establishment of a mile-for-mile uniform rate for all States east of the Mississippi . . . Every argument points to the undeniable fact that this section is entitled to relief from the present unfair rate structure."

"Nobody has ever measured the loss to the South, not only in excessive rates paid, but also in production reduces because of the adverse differentials, but it has been enormous," says the Orlando Sentinel in a lengthy and enlightening editorial.

"That the railroads can and are glad to haul the goods for less they admit practically pro confesso by the fact that they greatly lower their rates to points served by parallel water routes."

The Tampa Times says:

"For years the arbitrary freight rate handicaps have shackled Southern industry and penalized Southern consumers for the profit of Northern manufacturers."

"Now, with war production calling for closely knit, Nation-wide coordination of industry, the commerce commission should heed the governors' pleas and move at once to wipe out all rate differentials discriminating against the South and Florida."

## Tribute to Sherman

(Florida Municipal Record)

Walter C. Sherman's temperament being what it is, it was only natural that the big fellow couldn't gracefully accommodate himself to the police character of the regulations laid down for the enforcement of sugar and gasoline and tire rationing in Florida. Not that there is anything wrong with the rules. Our resources must be guarded over in time of war, and while Mr. Sherman gave patriotic prestige to the movement while he was at its Florida head—his own peculiar talents undoubtedly will lead him into war efforts of far greater proportions. No industrialist in the State stands out in bolder relief. Certainly none is capable of doing more for his country.

Walter Sherman has fathered great lumber operations. He has built ships, and hotels, and railroads, and banks. This Panama Citian's acumen is deeply appreciated by business men all over the State, for he stands at the head of the Florida State chamber of commerce, and in count-

less other ways has deserved recognition been heaped upon his head.

## Editorial Excerpts

Governor Holland's recent analysis of the State's financial position will encourage most citizens and, at the same time, will knock out the arguments of those few pessimists who have been forecasting a chaotic fiscal future.—Tampa Tribune.

Harold Colee pays a splendid and well deserved tribute to Governor Holland. "Clean, honest and thoroughly knows the agriculture, industry and commerce of this State."—Sanford Herald.

The governor's brief administration has demonstrated that he is a strong man . . . What is the secret of this Holland influence, this Holland popularity? We think it is the man's (1) honesty and (2) his ability.—Martin Andersen in Orlando Sentinel.

The State government must continue to recognize that "business as usual" is out for the duration.—Tampa Times.

We wonder if the governor cannot manage to get around a little more for public appearances . . . make a special business of it for a while . . . If he can do it he will leave a reinvigorated Florida in his wake.—Fort Myers News-Press.

Governor Holland is to be commended for his interest in curtailing public expenses.—Sarasota Herald-Tribune.

We will not say that Holland is the best governor Florida ever had, because there have been governors for over half a century in this State, and we would be indulging in bombastic statements about our friend that were based on insufficient information, but we will say this much: If he keeps on with his good work, he will make a record that will shine in Florida history for generations.—The (Lake Wales) Highlander.

The governor is a good mixer, hand-shaker, and can throw a lusty lure or shoot a huntsman's gun, with the best of them.—St. Cloud Tribune.

Unlike his predecessors, Governor Holland has not removed anyone summarily from office . . . Each official summoned to Tallahassee has been notified of the nature of the complaint, and given an opportunity to cross-examine his accusers, either personally or through his attorney, and to introduce defense witnesses and affidavits. That these Holland hearings have not been drumhead trials seems amply evidenced by the number that have resulted in acquittals.—Allen Morris in Miami Herald.

Florida has accepted California's challenge for a scrap metal contest "with no holds barred," says Governor Holland. Okay, Governor, but don't let them turn in their leaden skies.—Fort Myers News-Press.

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Union County has adopted a budget calling for 12 mills levy.



# No Frills For The 1943 Session . . .

FLORIDA'S 1943 session of the State legislature will be an economical one and it may last but 30 days, if plans of Governor Spessard L. Holland, President of the Senate Phillip D. Beall and Speaker of the House Richard H. Simpson prevail.

In independent statements issued during the month all three expressed themselves as favoring the least possible expenditure during the session and for holding the meeting to 30 days if possible. All admitted that coming events may bring about conditions which might prevent study and enactment of necessary legislation within the short period but indicated that every step would be taken in advance to expedite any business likely to come before the lawmaking body.

"If the speaker and the president consider the shorter session wise, I will be in hearty accord," said Governor Holland, following statements by Senator Beall and Representative Simpson favoring the 30-day meeting.

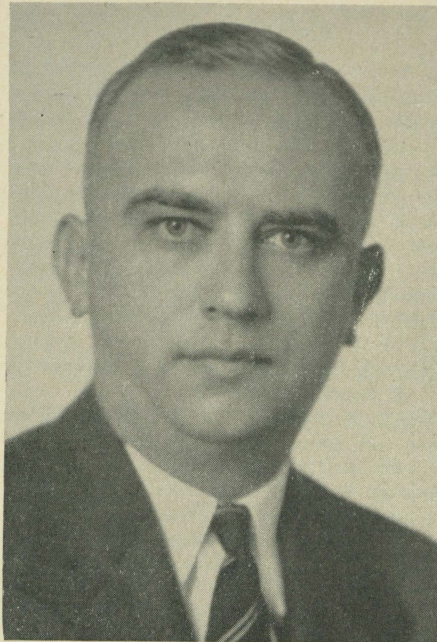
While the constitution limits the regular session of the legislature to 60 days—it has gone longer by the simple expedient of stopping the clock—it does not prohibit a shorter session. In some years legislatures have completed important tasks under the specified 60 days but have gone on to study other questions until the time limit was reached. This time, however, the demand for economy in government is so sharp that it is an almost foregone conclusion that the lawmakers will act as quickly as possible and get back to their homes.

"There are certain imperative duties of the legislature which must be attended to," said Senator Beall, whose unofficial election as president of the 1943 Senate at the end of the 1941 session was confirmed at a caucus in Gainesville. "There also are some constitutional duties required of the Senate not required of the House.

"All of these matters must be given full consideration and deliberation. For these reasons the caucus thought best not to try to set a definite time limit but to make the session no longer than necessary."

Senator Beall and Speaker Simpson have already named some of the important committee chairmen in order that those men can study questions which will come before the session and plan for handling them. Senator Ernest Householder, Sanford, has been named head of the important appropriations committee of the Senate while Senator Wallace Sturgis, Ocala, a new member of the Senate, will head the committee on constitutional amendments. Senator Walter Rose, Orlando, well known for his insistence on economy in legislative matters, will head the legislative expense committee of the Senate. Senator Harrison E. Barringer, Sarasota, succeeding Dewey Dye, president pro-tem of the 1941 Senate who did not offer for reelection, will head the committee on executive communications. This committee will consider suspensions by the governor and vetoes by the governor of bills passed in the 1941 session.

Robert W. Davis, Tallahassee, veteran



HON. RICHARD W. SIMPSON  
Speaker of the 1943 House

secretary of the Senate has been reelected to that post and D. H. McCullum, Crestview, veteran sergeant at arms, will continue in that post.

Backing up his declaration for economy, Speaker Simpson has already named a committee to study the expense of the 1941 House and make plans to reduce it for the coming session. This committee is headed by Rep. Jack Yeager of Leon County. He will be assisted by Reprs. Boynton of Gadsden, Hancock of Madison, Ayers of Gilchrist, Cobb of Orange, Wotwitsky of Charlotte and Dunham of DeSoto.

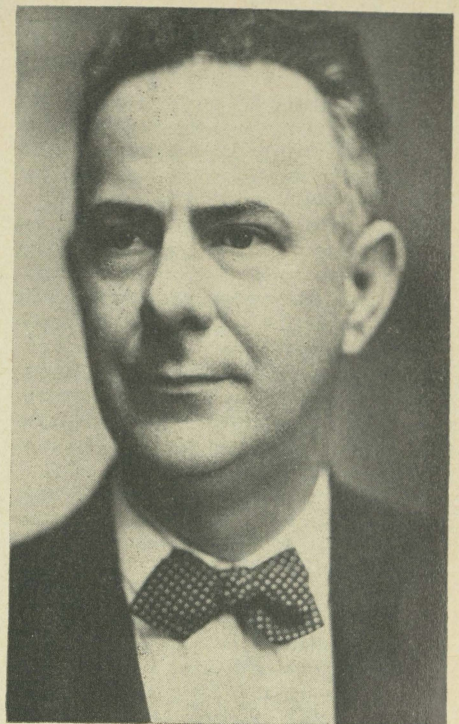
"This committee has an opportunity to do an outstanding service for the State," said Speaker Simpson in naming it. "Economics can be worked out by asking for bids on supplies and printing in advance of the start of the session. The findings of the committee will be reported to the speaker and to all members of the House.

"Elimination of unnecessary materials will afford a material reduction in printing costs. The cost of printing the daily journals and calendars and the permanent journals runs into a great amount of money, much of which may be saved."

In regard to limiting the session to 30 days, if possible, Speaker Simpson stated that he believes that he will get the cooperation of the majority of the House members.

"Because of the war effort, limitations of travel and the housing situation in Tallahassee, and as a matter of economy, I am hopeful that the members will actively support a movement of this kind," said the Speaker.

"I of course realize that our obligation



HON. PHILIP D. BEALL  
President of 1943 Senate

to the people of Florida will not let us go home until we have completed our work, but I think that by proper planning before the opening of the session, and hard work during the session, the essential bills can be considered in the 30-day period."

Reduction of the session to 30 days will mean the elimination of some of the social activities during the meeting. Many of the customary events are likely to be done away with and, unless controversial matters come up, delegations are likely to be smaller.

Leaders, from the governor, Senate president and House speaker, down through the membership apparently have the idea that they have a job to do and have determined to get to it early, get it done, and go home.

## FLORIDA GRADUATES GO IN FOR COMMISSIONS

Of 1,451 graduates of the University of Florida on whom information is available in the last 27 years, 1,229 are officers, 66 are noncommissioned officers and but 156 are privates or seamen in the armed forces, according to a compilation of Miss Ruby Carter, chief clerk in charge of alumni affairs of the university.

Among undergraduates who attended the university but did not complete their courses, 578 hold commissions, 126 are noncommissioned officers and 275 are in the ranks.

Information was not available on 649 graduates and 478 undergraduate alumni and they are not included in the survey.



# CAPITAL CHATTER . . .

TALLAHASSEE, where Governor Holland is as popular a governor as has ever been chief executive of the State, is rejoicing at the showing it made in the general election when it gave the largest majorities in the State to the three constitutional amendments which had received his endorsement—the gas tax amendment, constitution streamlining amendment and wildlife conservation amendment. The county gives much of the credit for the comparatively large vote to V. G. Phillips, chairman of the Leon County commission and president of the State Association of County Commissioners, one of the sponsors of the legislative resolution submitting the gas tax amendment to the people.

Twenty campus leaders of the Florida State College for Women are named in this year's "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." All members of the senior class, they were selected on the basis of character, scholarship and leadership . . . Governor Holland didn't like it when a recruiting officer from a Georgia base went to the State hospital at Chattahoochee and took away 50 of the 120 employes and he didn't hesitate to say so . . . "It was inconsiderate and the wrong thing to do," said the governor . . . September gasoline sales were slightly higher than those in August but 29.46 percent below the sales of September a year ago . . .

Supreme court has ruled that municipalities cannot tax race track admissions . . . It declined to review a decision of the Broward circuit court in which the town of Hallandale's tax of five cents on each admission to a dog track was declared invalid . . . The State met its November 1 payroll on time but left a stack of unpaid bills on hand . . . These will be paid with the receipt of taxes coming due shortly . . . Charles E. Bradley, chief of the gasoline tax division of the State comptroller's office, has been elected treasurer of the North American Gasoline Tax Conference which held its meeting in Houston, Texas, recently . . .

Secretary of State R. A. Gray has received the resignation of Lieut. Verle A. Pope, representative from St. Johns County, and forwarded it back to the St. Johns circuit court . . . Paul M. Hoenshel, Port Mayaca, and Tom Bryan, Fort Lauderdale, have been appointed to the Everglades Drainage District Commission . . . Governor Holland and Hunter Johnson, State hotel commissioner, were among guests at a special luncheon of the Washington-Florida colony in Washington last month . . .

Bound volumes of annotations to the revised Florida statutes will go on sale 60 days after the 1943 legislature adjourns, according to announcement of Attorney General Tom Watson . . . The price will be \$10 . . . Resignation of R. B. Gautier, Jr., from the Port of Miami Pilot Commission has been accepted by Governor Holland . . .

Chairman Boyce A. Williams of the Flor-

ida Industrial Commission has been elected vice president of the regional interstate conference of the employment security agencies . . . All of Florida's 67 county tax rolls and all but 10 of the county budgets have now been approved by the State comptroller . . . Comptroller Jim Lee has announced that the Federal government has sent an attorney to the State to investigate the State's claim for payment of bond taxes on property taken over by the government for Army and Navy units . . .

Alex Collins, Ocala, has been reappointed to the Board of Forestry for a 4-year term . . . 14 liquor dealers near Camp Blanding have lost their licenses for selling liquor illegally in dry counties, according to State Beverage Director E. W. Scarborough . . . James W. Warren, Jr., has resigned as a member of the State Welfare Board to enter Army service . . . Howard G. Beville, Bushnell, has been appointed to the Sumter County commission, succeeding R. E. Beville, resigned . . .

Colin English, State superintendent of public instruction, has returned from Washington where he urged revision of a bill for vocational rehabilitation of war veterans so that it will not interfere with the Florida vocational and education programs . . . A tuck in the shortage of physicians has been taken at the State hospital with the addition of a physician with 20 years' experience who emerged from retirement for the duration . . .

Florida State College for Women Christmas holidays will be extended by five days, according to President Campbell . . . Holidays will start Dec. 16 instead of Dec. 19 and end Jan. 6 instead of Jan. 4 . . . The usual Fall holidays have been cancelled . . .

Executive offices of the State Board of Beauty Culture must be located in Tallahassee, according to opinion by Attorney General Watson, who held, however, that district offices may be located in other cities. . . School Supt. F. A. Rhodes, Tallahassee, has been granted a leave of absence for Army service . . . Men in service who failed to renew their 1942 driving permits will not have to take examinations when they get new permits, according to Director J. J. Gilliam of the Department of Public Safety.

O. B. Hough, former naval stores and lumber operator, is the new supply clerk for State institutions succeeding Dan W. D'Allemberte, who has entered the Army . . .

George B. Newton, St. Augustine court reporter, has been granted a leave of absence for Army service . . . Joseph Y. Cheney, member of the Florida Parole Commission, has returned from Columbia, S. C., where he acquainted members of the newly created parole commission of that State with methods of handling paroles . . .

State Treasurer Ed Larson reports a gain of \$4,000 in fees paid by insurance companies and their agents this year over last year . . . Miss Kate Gillis, DeFuniak Springs,

has been appointed Walton County circuit court clerk to succeed R. B. Underwood who has been granted a leave of absence for armed service . . . The State Defense Council is not liable for damages if a person is negligently treated in one of its first-aid service stations, according to opinion of the attorney general . . .

C. L. Ferris, Orlando, has been appointed probation officer to succeed Walter E. Godbold, resigned . . . Palm Beach County's intangible property has been assessed at \$465,000,000, according to the roll reported to State Comptroller Lee by Tax Assessor J. M. Owens . . . Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, has been designated as command headquarters for five aviation training bases in Florida, Alabama and Georgia . . . Resignation of Roy V. Ott, Miami, as a member of the Florida Centennial Commission has been accepted . . .

Returning from an inspection tour J. J. Gilliam, director of the Department of Public Safety reports that 90 percent of Florida automobile drivers are observing the 35-mile speed limit . . . Conservation Supervisor S. E. Rice says that the usual closed season on mullet—Dec. 1 to Jan 20—will be observed . . . D. Stuart Gillis, former president of the State Senate, is chairman of the Rumor Propaganda Department of the State Defense Council . . . A. P. Ashby, Jr., Jacksonville, has resigned as assistant State auditor to accept a position of director of finance and accounts of the State Welfare Board . . .

District Federal Judge C. L. Waller, Tallahassee, dissented in the recent three-judge Federal court decision granting an injunction against inspection of Federal fertilizer being distributed in the State . . . War shortages are beginning to show up in the supply department of State institutions, 100 items being short in the latest call for bids . . . Campaign of Nathan Mayo, commissioner of agriculture, to supply nails to farmers for their crop needs has resulted in a WPB approval . . .

The State Road Department will have to pay gasoline tax on fuel used in the construction of the overseas highway gaps, according to ruling of the attorney general . . . Flastacowo, annual of the Florida State College for Women has been awarded first rate award by the National Scholastic Press Association . . .

Fred H. Sholar, organizer of the Tallahassee Postal Telegraph office and well known among legislators and visitors to Tallahassee, passed away Nov. 4 . . . Ray C. Clements, Polk County tax collector, has been granted a leave of absence for military service and Byron Durrance named to act in his place . . . 170 drivers' licenses were revoked by the State Highway Patrol in September following convictions for violations of safety laws . . . Bob S. Grice, harbor master of Palm Beach, has been granted a leave of absence for military service . . . Riley McClain has been appointed to act in his absence . . . Secretary of State R. A. Gray reports sale of the newly revised Florida statutes as slow . . . 901 sets have been sold in 60 days . . .

Balance of \$12,397.57 was shown by the October 31 report of Okeechobee County.



# No Rationing of Florida Sunshine . .

**T**IRE shortage and gasoline rationing will slow up the flow of motor tourists into Florida this Winter but the State will be far from deserted and, if the military continues to take over hotels, accommodations may be hard to find. As Winter advances it may find private homes being opened to visitors unable to find rooms in the usual swanky spots, and communities not heretofore known to cater to tourists are likely to blossom into tourist havens.

Success of efforts of State officials to modify restrictions on travel, both by automobile and by train, for those who really need Florida sunshine indicates that thousands who might have been stranded in the North will be here again this Winter. And, being here, these people are going to help solve the fuel shortage for those less fortunate above the Mason and Dixon line.

While there has as yet been no cancellation of the usual amusements offered to the Winter visitor, notably horse and dog racing, this season's tourist is not going to find Florida what it used to be. Although he will be able to enjoy the sunshine and balmy breezes, the presence of several hundred thousand soldiers and sailors, restrictions on lighting of cars and the use of beaches, hotels closed to civilians and posted by military guards, will remind him that there's a war on somewhere.

Virtually all of Miami Beach's 334 tourist hotels have been taken over by military forces. In Miami proper, the Everglades, McAllister and Alcazar hotels, to mention three of the largest, are now barracks for trainees and instructors in military schools. What is true in the Miami area is true in other resort cities of the State. Those hostilities easily adaptable for military use are now in the hands of the Army or Navy, but the smaller places are still available and it is always possible to go to outlying communities where visitors will find an open-arm welcome.

Chambers of commerce in the smaller communities of the State point out that the fish are still biting, the sun is still shining and the grass still green on the fairways of their golf courses. For the older couples who have been coming to Florida for years to escape the severe months of Winter in the North, the prospects of a pleasant season in Florida are just as bright as ever. The checker games will be going in the recreation spots of a hundred towns of south and central Florida and the click of shuffleboard men will be heard in a thousand parks. It may not be so hard to find a spot on one of those green benches, but the joy of living and dreaming of bygone days will be just as full.

Several of the National golf tournaments which have held the interest of fans throughout the country during past Winters will go on as usual although many of the leading lights among both amateur and professional golfers are now in the armed services. Florida training for big league baseball clubs becomes more important as oldsters take the places of younger players who have been

## WHITFIELD TO RETIRE AFTER LONG SERVICE

Justice James B. Whitfield, who began his career as a newspaper reporter, will retire from the supreme court next January after an unprecedented service of 39 years. He did not seek reelection and will be succeeded by Judge H. L. (Tom) Sebring, Gainesville.

Justice Whitfield was appointed to the court in 1904, after having first served as clerk of the court since 1889, making his records in his own handwriting. At that time there were but three justices. Now there are seven.

As a reporter Justice Whitfield covered the 1885 constitutional convention for local and New York newspapers. He also served as State Treasurer and State Attorney General. He will retire at full pay. Justice William H. Ellis who retired in 1938 on the same basis, still retains his residence in Tallahassee.

called to the Army and Navy. Florida sunshine takes the kinks out of muscles and throwing arms and it is not unlikely that many of the clubs will begin training at an earlier date than usual.

Racing fans in the Miami area will ride a wood-burner to see the hay-burners, according to announcement. A lumber company has declared its willingness to make available an old-type locomotive to pull old-style wooden cars from the city proper to the race tracks if modern locomotives are busy in more important service.

Governor Holland took the lead in the movement to get modification of regulations governing travel to Florida. In several trips to Washington he succeeded in getting the Office of Defense Transportation to permit the addition of two trains daily to the Florida schedule from the North. He also obtained the cooperation of Northern rationing boards in the release of additional gasoline supplies to those who have been spending their Winters in Florida for several years past and also for those who come here for reasons of health. If the proper amount of patience is applied, all who have need to be in Florida during colder months will have little trouble getting here.

"It means that any Floridians away from home can apply to local rationing boards wherever they may be for gasoline for the return trip," said Governor Holland of the OPA ruling regarding gasoline. The fact that many who were experiencing trouble in getting gasoline for the Florida trip are now in the State indicates that the modification is in force.

Harold Colee, executive vice president of the State chamber of commerce, said that the ruling probably would permit 65 percent of the normal travel of those who usually spend their Winters in the State.

The State chamber reported last week that a survey of 46 Florida cities has revealed housing accommodations for 328,934 persons in excess of current housing needs.

## URGES ORGANIZATION OF GROWERS OF VEGETABLES

Organization of Florida vegetable growers for concerted action to obtain necessary priorities for materials and a fair price for products, has been urged by Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo.

"Price levels for most of the Florida products which existed September 15, the date likely to be used as a basis for OPA price fixing, did not exceed cost of picking, packing and transportation," said Commissioner Mayo. "Without some coordinated showing in Washington, backed up by facts, the vegetable growers of the State will be faced with a price level that will definitely place them in the red. While every effort should be made to produce bumper crops, the producer must do what he can to promote his own interest by securing a fair price for his vegetables. A State-wide organization is the best answer."

## BEVERAGE RECEIPTS GO OVER MILLION DOLLARS

Florida beverage tax receipts passed a million dollars in October and continue upward, according to report by Edgar W. Scarborough, State Director.

Receipts for October were \$1,033,154, 82.13 percent above the same month last year, bringing the taxes for the four months of the fiscal year to \$2,717,254. Taxes collected during October this year compared to October last year were: Whiskey, \$493,297 against \$203,254; beer, \$183,617 against \$133,108; wine, \$55,408 against \$34,885; liquor occupational licenses, \$259,173 against \$162,869; beer and wine licenses, \$40,284 against \$31,916.

Beverage tax receipts go to the welfare program, the school teachers' salary fund and the general revenue fund.

Lafayette County commissioners have raised pay to its road foreman and provided for the employment of three helpers.

These accommodations will be available for Winter visitors who have been excluded from areas occupied by military forces and in which the hotels have been taken over by the government.

Reports from selected cities:

DeLand—accommodate 2,500—58 percent less.

Fort Lauderdale—10,000.

Ft. Myers—Little accommodations.

Gainesville—4,000—10 percent more.

Lakeland—8,000.

Lake Worth—7,500—10 percent less.

Miami—189,976—6 percent less.

Ocala—1,800—same.

Orlando—6,054.

Panama City—99 percent less.

Sarasota—13,164—5 percent less.

St. Petersburg—60,000.

Tallahassee—Little surplus housing available.



# Florida Meets The Challenge

GOVERNOR Holland and Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo will be principal speakers at the Jacksonville business conference of the State chamber of commerce November 30, according to announcement of Harold Colee, executive vice president. Theme of the conference will be "Florida Meets the Challenge."

"Florida's per capita income doubled in the last eight years, rising from \$272 in 1933 to the record high of \$544 in 1941. Increased war production is expected to raise it above \$600 for 1942.

"Labor has more than held its own in the swelling flood of fortune. Higher wage rates combined with generally improved business conditions to jump total wage and salary income 150 percent, from \$255 millions in 1933 to \$638.6 millions in 1941. Labor's proportionate share of the State income increased in the same period from 58.7 percent to 60.4 percent. The average wage and salary payment to employees in non-agricultural establishments is estimated to have risen to a new high of \$1,436 in 1941, compared with \$1,323 in 1938.

"Greatest increase has been in the share of government employees, which rose from 8.4 percent in 1929 to 12.4 percent in 1941 when government wages and salaries amounted to \$130.2 millions.

"Analysis of income estimates since 1929 by industrial divisions and including profits and wages, show that the proportionate share produced by agriculture reached a high in 1930 of 12.3 percent and declined fairly steadily to 1940 when it was responsible for only 7.7 percent, a total of \$70.2 millions of net income. It started an upward trend again in 1941 with a net income of \$88 millions, or 8.3 percent of the State total and will undoubtedly show a further increase in 1942.

"Manufacturing industries, on the other hand, reached their proportionate high in 1929 when they accounted for \$75.2 millions of the net income, or 10.6 percent of the State's total. Since that time they have been averaging about 8 percent. Total net income from manufacturing in 1941 amounted to \$83.5 millions.

"Trade and service industries produced \$257 millions in income in 1941 as compared with \$101.1 millions in 1933. These industries, the most responsive to fluctuations in tourist trade, show the steady increase in volume of tourist business. Significantly, the 1940 income attributable to these industries, while lower in dollars than for 1941, accounted for 29 percent of the State's total income, compared with 27.2 percent for 1941."

A. Y. Milam, prominent Jacksonville attorney, is chairman of the program committee for the conference, on appointment by W. C. Sherman, Panama City, president.

Other members appointed on the program are: Harold R. Davis, Miami Beach; Frank Norris, Jacksonville; Courtney Campbell, Dunedin; Frank Traynor, Tampa; M. I.

Justice Elwyn Thomas of the supreme court, has been named chairman of the State-wide Victory Speakers' Bureau of the State

## THEY'LL NEVER BE SATISFIED UNTIL THEY COME BACK

"Before the war is over at least a million men from other States will have seen Florida. Do you think they will ever be satisfied with anything else but Florida?"

This question was asked of the annual convention of the Florida Realtors held in Lakeland recently by Governor Holland.

"I meet service men every day who say they are interested in Florida and are coming back here to live after the war is over," said the governor. "As things are going now, I'm afraid there's going to be a shortage of Florida girls for our own home boys after the war."

Slagsvol, Jacksonville; A. H. Stier, Fernandina; A. H. Gandy, St. Petersburg; Jack Simmons, Tallahassee; J. C. Merrill, Jacksonville; Walter Hays, Orlando; L. C. Parks, Pensacola; Harry Fannin, Panama City; James M. Owens, Jr., Palm Beach; J. H. Allen, Pensacola.

## THOMAS NAMED LEADER OF VICTORY SPEAKERS

Defense Council. Dr. Kathryn Abbey Hanna, Rollins College, will continue as vice chairman.

District directors are Neil C. McMullen of Tampa, first; J. Henry Blount of Jacksonville, second; Ernest E. Mason of Pensacola and State Senator LeRoy Collins of Tallahassee, third; D. H. Redfern of Miami, fourth, and Murray Sams of DeLand, fifth.

## DEPARTMENT MINUTES

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vard County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 4532 and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches,

and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

## BROWARD COUNTY—ROAD 341 PROJECT 4533—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road Department 341 in Broward County located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 4533 and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

**CALHOUN COUNTY—ROAD 6  
PROJECT 5634 (501-B) RIGHT OF WAY**

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 6, in Calhoun County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 5634 (501-B) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY—ROAD 174, 198 & 330—PROJECT 5879—RIGHT OF WAY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Roads No. 174, 198 & 320 from Six Mile Bend to Shawano, in Palm Beach County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 5279 and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY—ROAD 199  
PROJECT 5362—RIGHT OF WAY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 199, in Palm Beach County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 5362 and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey, certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in

the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

**POLK COUNTY—ROAD 341  
PROJECT 4530—RIGHT OF WAY**

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 341 in Polk County located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 4530 and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the

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Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

#### GLADES COUNTY MAINTENANCE

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the offer of Glades County for leasing county convicts to the Road Department for work on roads in that county, as set out in the resolution of their Board of County Commissioners under date of September 17, 1942, be and it is hereby rejected.

#### OIL PIPE LINE

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that authority be and it is hereby given to the Chairman to execute permits to the Trans-Florida Pipeline Company, acting for the Defense Plants Corporation, for the installation of proposed oil pipe line and telephone line across right of ways of state roads between Carrabelle and Jacksonville, Florida, as presented in accordance with letter of R. W. Ervin, Jr., Assistant Attorney for the State Road Department, to their Mr. Coker under date of October 22, 1942.

#### MILITARY SERVICE—NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

On motion of Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that all persons entering the employ of the State Road Department on or after November 1, 1942, shall be considered as temporary employees and shall not come under the terms and provisions of the Department's resolution of December 19, 1940 which resolution refers to induction of employees into the armed services of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any promotion of employees of the Department made on or after November 1, 1942, shall be considered as temporary promotions, and employees affected shall be entitled to the benefits of the resolution of the Department of December 19, 1940, relating to employees in military service, only according to the employment status held by such employees prior to November 1, 1942.

#### RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF EARL LAMAR BATTON

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Earl Lamar Batton, of Bartow, Florida, prior to his entering the armed forces of the United States was an employee of the State Road Department of Florida in the First Division; and

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Department that he has paid the supreme sacrifice in line of duty in the service of his country,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Department deeply regrets the loss of this brave and loyal American and valued employee, and does hereby extend to his father, Z. T. Batton, and

other surviving relatives the deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the father and a copy to the Press, and that it be spread upon the permanent minute records of the Department.

#### SALARY SCALE

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the schedule of salaries adopted by the State Road Department on January 20, 1942, be submitted to the office of Economic Stabilization to ascertain whether or not the Department has authority to make increases within the minimum and maximum ranges where experience and time warrant the increases; also to ascertain the right to make additional subclassifications within those ranges.

#### DADE COUNTY MAINTENANCE

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that whereas under a previous decision of this Board it is impossible for the Department to take over a part of Northwest 27th Avenue for maintenance until all the right of way has been obtained, suggestion is made that Dade County Commissioners request Admiral Kaufman to give favorable recommendation to the Secretary of the Navy for the allocation of Access Road Funds to acquire right of way and make improvement on this road to serve the Miami Air Base.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Department will assist Dade County in every way possible in securing these funds.

#### NAMING OF MIAMI CAUSEWAY

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS a request has been received from city council of Miami Beach that this Department give some new name to the causeway between Miami and Miami Beach now known as the 79th Street Causeway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board reiterates its position as expressed in its resolution of February 27, 1942, leaving the matter of the naming of this bridge to the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, and pledging itself to approve any name recommended by the said Board.

#### BY-PASS IN BROWARD COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department enter into contract with Broward County for construction of a by-pass of State Road 6-38 around the Naval Base at Fort Lauderdale, at an actual cost not to exceed \$7,500, based on making use of county equipment without rental charge and without charge for fill material and rock in the borrow pit or quarry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of this work is to be paid from the surplus gas tax funds of Broward County, and that the Road Department will have supervision of all work.

#### GROUP INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the Board appointed a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Dowling, Waterston and Baskin, to investigate group insurance costs, including employer contribution as provided for in the usual group policies, and to prepare recommendations for legislative authority to set up a group policy on established terms.

The Committee was also instructed to submit any other recommendations on the subject of insurance considered advisable.

#### CUTTING TREES WITHIN RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that notice be given to each utility company which has a permit from the Department, that a special permit must be obtained from the Road Department before they shall be allowed to trim or cut trees along their lines within the right of way belonging to the Department.

#### NEXT MEETING

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, it was agreed to hold the next meeting in Lakeland on November 30th. There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned.

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In the face of our great National emergency, no one doubts the necessity of complying with measures requested by our government. Most Americans are making a sincere, patriotic effort to cooperate, however, there are a few who apparently feel that freedom is a privilege to satisfy our own selfish desires, regardless of the safety of others.

Thirty percent of all accidents reported to this department during October 1942, resulted from exceeding a stated speed limit and eight percent more resulted from exceeding a safe speed. Eighteen percent of all accidents resulted from driving on the wrong side of the road. If motorists in this State had avoided these two traffic violations during this month, over half of our major traffic accidents would not have occurred.

There is no question but that the 35 mile-per-hour speed limit and reduced travel resulting from tire and gas rationing make the occurrence of a traffic accident less pardonable than heretofore. Our records show that, with very few exceptions, accidents result from improper driver action. Most rural accidents occur on straight highways—level—paved with either concrete or asphalt—while the surfaces are dry—during clear weather—in daylight. Analyzing these conditions we find that rural accidents are occurring under the most favorable conditions for safe driving, therefore, it is only reasonable to assume that the drivers were mostly to blame for occurrences resulting in accidents.

Our records also show that most of the drivers in accidents had over six years' driving experience but a majority of these had 11 or more years' experience. Most of the drivers were between the ages of 18 and 40. Now it is seen that lack of driving experience or lack of coordination due to age is not responsible for most accidents. It is therefore obvious that if ordinary vigilance, caution, road courtesy and law observance are maintained there would be very few automobile collisions.

The following violations indicate that the

important factor in highway safety is the manner in which automobile drivers act:	4-5	2	2	8	2
%	5-6			2	1
	6-7			9	3
Total Percentage of Violations	100	7-8		11	3
Exceeded stated speed limit (35 MPH rural)	30	8-9	1	1	14
Exceeded safe speed—but not stated limit	8	9-10			11
Did not have right-of-way	10	10-11			7
Following too closely	3	11-12			12
Cutting in	1	P. M.			
Other improper passing	1	12-1			5
On wrong side of road—not in passing	18	1-2			17
Failure to signal or improper signal	1	2-3			13
Improper turn—wide right turn	1	3-4	1	1	17
Same—cut corner on left turn	4	4-5			15
Disregarded police officer	1	5-6	1	1	20
Disregarded stop-and-go light	2	6-7	1	1	16
Disregarded stop sign or signal	3	7-8	2	2	13
Disregarded warning sign or signal	1	8-9	2	2	27
Improper starting from parked position	3	9-10	1	4	18
Improper parking location	3	10-11	1	1	17
Reckless driving	9	11-12	3	3	10
Other violations	1	Not stated	2	2	10

## OCTOBER MOTOR ACCIDENT EXPERIENCE

These tabulations are obtained from reported accidents sent in by police officers and operators of motor vehicles, as required by the Florida regulatory traffic law. Additional tables of statistical traffic data may be obtained by applying to Department of Public Safety, Division of Florida Highway Patrol, J. J. Gilliam, Director.

### WHAT DID THEY HIT?

	Fatal	Number	Accidents	
	Accidents	Killed	All	% All
Total Accidents	22	25	324	100
Collision of motor vehicle with another motor vehicle	2	2	192	59
Pedestrian	8	8	30	9
Railroad train	1	1	6	2
Bicycle	2	2	9	3
Animal	1	1	4	1
Fixed object			4	1
Overtaken in road	1	1	7	2
Ran off roadway	6	9	70	22
Other noncollision	1	1	2	1

### WHEN DID THEY HAPPEN?

Total Accidents	22	25	324	100
Monday	1	4	44	14
Tuesday	1	1	43	13
Wednesday			29	9
Thursday	2	2	45	14
Friday	4	4	50	15
Saturday	3	3	60	19
Sunday	11	11	53	16

### WHAT TIME DID THEY HAPPEN?

Total Accidents	22	25	324	100
A. M.				
12-1	2	2	18	6
1-2			13	4
2-3	1	1	13	4
3-4	2	2	8	2

### WHY DID THEY HAPPEN?

	Accidents	Fatal	All	% All
Total Violations	19	409	100	
Driver had been drinking	5	89	22	
Driver fatigued or asleep		3	1	
Exceeding stated speed limit	8	99	24	
Exceeding safe speed	1	25	6	
Following too closely		10	2	
Disregard of signs and signals	1	22	5	
Failure to yield right-of-way	1	31	8	
Wrong side of road not in passing		61	15	
Improperly parked vehicle		10	2	
Improper start from parked position		9	2	
Improper passing		4	1	
Improper turning or failure to signal turn	1	19	5	
Inattention or reckless driving	2	29	7	

### CONDITION OF VEHICLES—

	DEFECTS	2	42	100
Defective brakes		16	38	
Headlights out or defective	1	7	17	
Steering mechanism defective	1	5	12	
Puncture or blowout		10	24	
Worn smooth tires		3	7	
Other defects		1	2	

### PEDESTRIAN ACTION

	8	31	100
Crossing at intersection	1	7	23
Crossing not at intersection		6	19
Coming from behind parked cars		5	16
Walking in roadway with traffic	3	5	16
Walking in roadway against traffic		1	3
Standing in safety zone		2	7
Getting on or off other vehicle		1	3
Playing in roadway	1	1	3
Lying in roadway	3	3	10

There were 57 U. S. Service men involved in 38 reported accidents in which



5 U. S. Service men were killed and 1 civilian killed.

We have no figures of deaths on the battlefields since the Pearl Harbor incident. However, from radio and newspaper reports, we feel reasonably sure that they are no more serious than our accident experience in this country. Experiences from which we do not shudder because we have become used to them.

Complacency cannot be tolerated while people are being killed and injured because motorists are brutally careless of the safety of others.

While our soldiers fight to make our country safe for democracy we must fight to make it safe on the homefront. Twenty-five people were killed in Florida during October in traffic accidents.

#### REPORT BY COUNTIES—

County	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Prop. Damage
	324	22	142	160
Alachua	4		3	1
Bay	3		2	1
Bradford	2	1	1	
Brevard	3		3	
Broward	5		1	4
Calhoun	1			1
Clay	1			1
Columbia	2		1	1
Dade	40		19	21
Dixie	1	1		
Duval	87	2	42	43
Escambia	5	2	2	1
Flagler	1		1	
Gadsden	2			2
Gulf	1		1	
Hardee	1		1	
Hernando	1		1	
Highlands	3	1	2	
Hillsborough	24	2	12	10
Indian River	2		1	1
Jackson	1		1	
Jefferson	2			2
Lake	2		1	1
Lee	10		6	4
Leon	31	3	5	23
Levy	3		2	1
Marion	3	1	1	1
Martin	2			2
Monroe	3			3
Nassau	1	1		
Okaloosa	3	1		2
Okeechobee	2			2
Orange	15		11	4
Osceola	3	1		2
Palm Beach	7	2	1	4
Pasco	1			1
Pinellas	4		2	2
Polk	3		2	1
Putnam	4		2	2
St. Johns	1		1	
St. Lucie	3		2	1
Santa Rosa	5		2	3
Sarasota	3	1	1	1
Seminole	1	1		
Sumter	2		1	1
Suwannee	2		1	1
Taylor	2		1	1
Volusia	11		4	7
Wakulla	3	1	1	1
Walton	1	1		
Washington	1		1	

#### FLORIDA YEW TREE TO GO ON LONG JOURNEY

Florida's yew tree, one of the 10 rarest trees in the world, three of which grow in the Apalachicola River area, is going traveling. Dublin, Ireland, is the destination.

Berries from trees in the valley have been sent to the Irish Department of Agriculture for planting in its botanical garden by the Florida Forest and Park Service at the request of J. W. Besant, director of the garden.

The other rare trees growing on the banks of the Apalachicola are the Torreya and the corkwood. The former, like the yew, is used for fence posts, while corkwood is good mostly for fish net floats and similar use.

The Torreya is also known as gopherwood, from which the Bible says Noah's ark was built.

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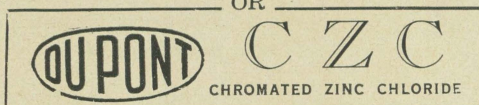
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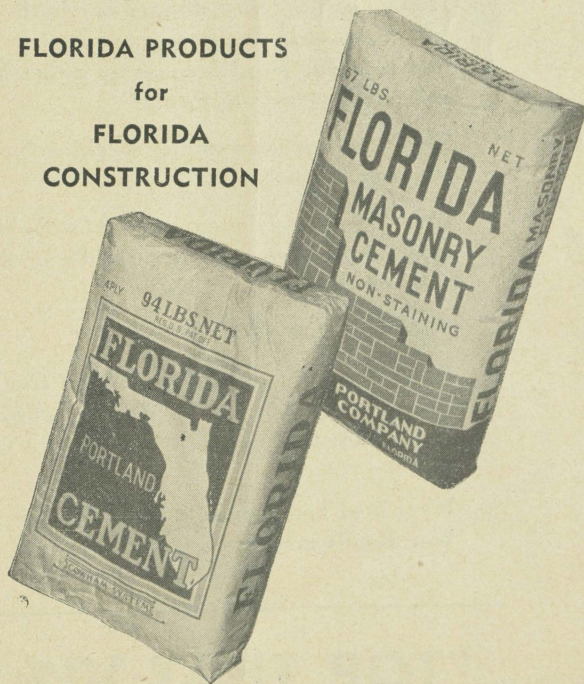
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